



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
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Serial No. 10/624,674 : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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METHOD FOR STABILIZING ARYLCARBOXYLIC
ACID, STABILIZER THEREOF AND AQUEOUS
SOLUTION CONTAINING STABILIZED
ARYLCARBOXYLIC ACID
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No. 09/885,096,
Filed June 21, 2001)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present application is directed to a method for stabilizing an arylcarboxylic acid of the formula (I), such as pranoprofen, in which L1 is a heterocyclic group, and bromfenac, in which L1 is an aryl group, by adding thereto a pyridonecarboxylic acid of the formula (IV), such as ofloxacin.

The specification shows in Experimental Examples 1 and 2 that the claimed method achieves a stabilization of an arylcarboxylic acid of the formula (I), in which L1 is a heterocyclic group.

Applicant wishes to make of record the enclosed Experimental Declaration of the inventor, which demonstrates that the claimed method achieves a stabilization of an


arylcarboxylic acid of the formula (I), in which L1 is an aryl group.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 24-27, which correspond identically to the allowed claims of the parent application, are patentable over the prior art of record for the same reasons stated in the parent application.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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